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Vas wins full term by 1,800

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Calling his re-election an affirmation of the change he has brought to the city, Mayor Joseph Vas beat Councilwoman Karen Ann Kubulak by 1,810 votes yesterday.

Vas won a four-year term as mayor with 5,984 votes to Kubulak's 4,174. The incumbent bested the councilwoman in each of the city's six wards.

Joining Vas in victory were his City Council running mates, former Superintendent of Schools Frank M. Sinatra and David Szilagyi, who ran under the banner "Perth Amboy First."

Sinatra garnered 5,040 votes and Szilagyi 4,232. They bested Kubulak's running mates, Thomas Torres, who received 3,711 votes, and Joseph Misiewicz, who gar-

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Results of yesterday's mayoral election in Perth Amboy:

	Vas	Kubulak
Ward 1	953	392
Ward 2	503	329
Ward 3	300	145
Ward 4	874	579
Ward 5	404	337
Ward 6	2,774	2,205

TOTALS **5,984** **4,174**
Absentee totals: 186 for Kubulak, 176 for Vas.
Military: 1 for Kubulak.

nered 3,216. Independent council candidate Richard D. Johnson, a city teacher, got 2,278 votes.

The race was the second consecutive time Vas and Kubulak

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Mayor Joseph Vas, center, celebrating his victory with his wife, Evelyn, and running mates Frank Sinatra, right, and David Szilagyi.

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Vas beats Kubulak in mayoral bid

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faced each other in 20 months for the city's top elective office. The hotly contested 1990 mayoral race, which was a three-candidate contest, resulted in Vas' beating Kubulak by a mere 28 votes.

That race was held to determine a successor to fill former Mayor George J. Otowski's term following his July 1990 resignation.

As hundreds of supporters hooted and applauded, Vas, Sinatra, and Szilagyi raised their hands above their heads in victory.

"The bottom line is the voters have spoken and that's a mandate for change. They saw Joe Vas, Frank Sinatra, and Dave Szilagyi as the change they wanted. We started it in 1988 and we weren't able to do it completely ... in 1990 we put another notch, and now in 1992, the change is complete," Vas said at a joyous celebration.

"The voters in the city were happy with what they have seen over the last 20 months and they want more of it," he said.

"The election is over now. It's

time to put the pieces back together ... We want to extend the olive branch to everyone who was not part of this campaign."

The City Council will now have four Vas partisans — Sinatra, Szilagyi, Gail Feist, and Jack Dudas. Peter Jimenez supported Kubulak.

"We hope Peter Jimenez will come on board and try to work with the other four council members," Vas said.

During her concession speech, Kubulak urged her supporters to "work together for the future of Perth Amboy."

Kubulak said she was "very proud" of what the coalition formed to support her candidacy for mayor had achieved. "We had a lot of different people who ... were vicious political enemies who worked together for one common cause ... for the good of our children and for our future."

The councilwoman, who will leave office July 1 when the newly elected council members are sworn in, said she will continue to work for the city, possibly as a member

of the Special Improvement District board.

Szilagyi said he believed the Vas slate's victory showed that "obviously, people have liked what's gone on during the past 20 months. Right now, we plan on keeping on in the same direction."

Sinatra said he felt "great. I also feel very good that the Perth Amboy voters didn't disappoint me. I've always believed in honest and open government and that's the type of campaign we ran."

Sinatra and Vas both continued to blast Kubulak last night. Sinatra called a Kubulak mailing, sent during the past few days, a "slander sheet."

"Karen Kubulak told the people of Perth Amboy that she just wasn't one of the boys," Vas said. "Well, let me tell you something, she wasn't a lady either."

The 37-year-old Vas, a High Street resident, is the president of R&J Associates, an insurance firm with an office on State Street. He has been serving as mayor since Otowski's resignation when the City Council appointed him.